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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Study Group

1. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Lawrence of the Office of Emergency Planning. Mr. Lawrence noted that the report of the Study Group to the President's Committee was not designed to come up with a single set of recommendations but to present alternatives for the consideration of our principals. Mr. McDermott stated that the principals should make the decisions.

2. Using the working outline passed out to the 20 February meeting of the President's Committee, Mr. McDermott parcelled out work to various members of the Study Group. Contributions are to be ready by 27 February. CIA was not assigned any portion of the work and quite appropriately so, in view of the nature of the subject matter and the desires of the Director, CIA, regarding the extent of our participation.

3. I noted that the President's memorandum of February 7, 1962 to the Acting Director, OEP, had asked that the Committee give attention to specific goals as well as basic principles, and that the working outline did not provide for developing such goals. Mr. Lawrence replied that the report due on 19 March could not possibly deal with specific goals; these would require considerable further study of supplies and requirements. It was agreed that in the light of the President's memorandum, some reference should be made in the 19 March report to their absence and the reason therefore.

4. There was some discussion of the objectives of stockpiling. In this connection, the working outline for the Study Group listed as one principal objective "Meeting Long-Term Raw Material Deficits of the United States". This item implies that stockpiling should be undertaken now to meet problems arising from limited domestic resources per se, quite separately from what might be set aside to meet the emergency requirements of limited or nuclear war. The consensus seemed to be that this would be stretching stockpile criteria rather far, although no final decision was made on the matter.

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